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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Randy A. Harris *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: 10/080,914

FILED: February 22, 2002

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUALLY AND AUTOMATICALLY
PROCESSING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: DONALD R. VALENTINE

ART UNIT: 1742

CONF. NO: 7791

Request for Withdrawal of Holding of Abandonment
Under MPEP 711.03

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request that the holding of abandonment for this case be withdrawn. This Request is being submitted promptly after Applicants learned of the abandonment by receipt of the Notice of Abandonment mailed from the Patent Office on April 21, 2003.

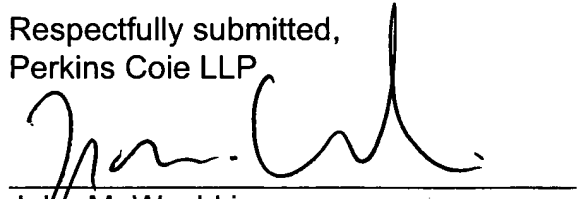
The Patent Office mailed an Office Action in this case on September 15, 2003. The applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action on December 15, 2003. Submitted herewith is a copy of the Amendment in Response to the Office Action, Fee Transmittal and Information Disclosure Statement mailed September 15, 2003, with Express Mail No. EV335521226US; a copy of Express Mail Label No. EV335521226US showing receipt by the U.S. Post Office on December 15, 2003; a copy of the U.S. Post Office receipt of Express Mail No. EV335521226US on December 15, 2003 at 04:41

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Applicants request that the holding of abandonment for this case be withdrawn in view of the timely response to the September 15, 2003 Office Action. Applicants further request, in light of the Office Action response, a Notice of Allowance

No fees are believed due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

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